

## “So What’s Going On with the Academic Statement?”

Here’s what’s going on:

→ This summer:

Faculty from over 40 programs participated in week-long institutes to invent the year’s activities for the Pilot version of the Academic Statement Initiative.

→ During Orientation Week:

Over 100 faculty attended All-Campus Convocation and led three seminar sessions each with incoming students. Approximately 800 students participated.

→ Fall Quarter 2012:

Faculty participating in the Pilot have sent in reports about Orientation Week. The questionnaire is available here: [www.evergreen.edu/ir/academicstatement](http://www.evergreen.edu/ir/academicstatement) for those of you who still need to do so—as soon as possible—your participation is crucial! Another assessment tool will be forthcoming for reporting back about 6-hours in programs.

The Mentor Council is starting to plan winter and spring 2013 all-campus (half)days, Orientation Week 2013, and implementation of the Academic Statement as a graduation requirement during 2013-14. Probable speaker and book for O-week 2013: David Isay, author of *Listening is an Act of Love* and founder of StoryCorps, an independent nonprofit whose mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, share, and preserve the stories of their lives. Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 40,000 interviews from nearly 80,000 participants. Each conversation is preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind; millions listen to its weekly broadcasts on NPR’s *Morning Edition*. For more info, go to [storycorps.org](http://storycorps.org)

Within a few weeks, the Mentor Council will solicit speaker and book proposals for O-week 2014. Planning Unit Meeting time for Academic Statement is still to be determined. Nancy K. is meeting with Admissions, the Writing Center, and other groups of smart people who care about this work and whose own work overlaps with it.

→ Winter and Spring 2013:

Faculty will know before the quarter begins what their topics will be for all-campus days for both winter and spring. Assessments will be ongoing under the all-caring and all-seeing eyes of Laura Coghlan.

→ Questions/concerns/suggestions/one-liners? Contact your designated Mentor Council member or Nancy K.